

RCCW get-together 2013



Vision for Life – Cataract Surgery

As a significant health issue in Sri Lanka, affecting the country's lower economic classes, curable blindness received focus by RCCW this year. Under its Community Service arm, the RCCW continued its cataract surgery project "Vision for Life" under the category Disease Prevention and Treatment.

Targeting cataract formation in the elderly from the poorest of the poor, the project offered free operations to remove cataract thereby providing a better quality of life and a chance of normalcy to many.

Living RI's theme 'Engage Rotary, Change Lives', the project, at a cost of Rs. 750,000, was completed by a four-member consortium consisting of Dart Global Logistics (Pvt) Ltd (lens sponsor), Vijaya Kumaratunga Memorial Hospital (free medical facility to conduct operations), Global Eye Care Foundation (provider of surgeons free of charge), and RCCW (initiator).

Dr. Shamintha Amaratunga of the Global Eye Care Foundation (Guinness record holder for speediest cataract operations) held eye camps at Hambantota and Suriyawewa in Southern Sri Lanka and selected 50 indigent cataract patients for surgery. These patients were transported free-of-charge to the Vijaya Kumaratunga Memorial Hospital on the 9th of July 2013, where Dr. Amaratunga carried out the operations - free of charge.



Installation of Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa

The Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa held its installation recently with PDG Nihal Bogahalande as Chief Guest and President Jerome K. Rajendram as Guest of Honour along with Rtr. Nipuna Nanayakkara, President 2013/2014 of the Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa. The pictures capture key moments of the occasion.



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INSTALLATION OF THE 53RD PRESIDENT OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF COLOMBO WEST

Rtn. PHF Jerome Rajendram was installed as President of the Rotary Club of Colombo West District 3220 for the 2013/2014 Rotary year at the Galadari Hotel on 6th July 2013. Jerome, a Rotarian since 1989 is the 53rd President of the club.

As the new President of the 93-member club, Rajendram will be responsible for strengthening the club's participation in community and international service projects while attracting new membership.

The event, organised by the Club Service directorate, was graced by Chief Guest His Lordship Mohan Pieris, accompanied by his wife, and DG Imran as Guest of Honour. The event kicked off at 7.30 pm with cocktails.

The meeting proper commenced at 8.15 pm and dinner and dancing from 9.45 pm, which went on till the wee hours of the morning. Attendees included over 10 Past District Governors, District Governor Imran and his wife along with the Assistant Governor and Past RI Director Ravi and Governor Elect Gowri. As the primary fundraiser for the year, the event raised a sum of Rs. 189,345.



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Messages



The more Rotarians are engaged in Rotary service, the more we all realise what we can achieve through Rotary and our potential knows no limits. I wish you a wonderful year of successful service as we work together to Engage Rotary, Change Lives.

Sincerely,

Ron D. Burton
President, Rotary International 2013/2014



A new year in Rotary sets into motion a whole cavalcade of new leaders with new vision and new dreams, but the same goal: service and peace. As new leaders at various levels of Rotary, be it a club president, a service director or district leader, you are empowered to reach those areas of excellence that have so far eluded you, partly or totally. Enthusiasm, commitment, patience and generosity will help you reach the level of competence you dream of. Be worthy of your mantle and 'Engage Rotary - Change Lives.'

All the best.

Imran Hassen
District Governor
District 3220 (Sri Lanka and the Maldives)



Members of the Rotary Club of Colombo West extend our warmest wishes to Rotarian Ravindran on his nomination as Rotary International President Designate 2015/2016.

Dinner Theatre & Members Night



The Rotary Club of Colombo West held a dinner theatre and members night, which was well-attended and saw theatre actor Indu put on a skit, followed by cocktails and dinner.